

School Board Under Heavy Attack

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CITY EYES AIRPORT GROWTH

School Board Miffed as Lynn Asks Accounting

The Torrance School Board, defeated resoundingly in the recent 50 cent tax override here, came in for strong words from Bert Lynn demanding an "accounting" this week.

Speaking before a packed school board meeting, Lynn told Superintendent J. H. Hull and the school board, "The school administration has lost contact with the public. You no longer have the pulse of the people."

"Stop being a rubber stamp," Lynn, City Planning Commissioner and leader of the fight to defeat the school tax override, told the board.

"The Board had not even met yet when Dr. Hull announced a January election. This last election with all its waste cost the taxpayers an amount equal to the annual salaries of some three teachers. An election in January would no doubt approach almost as much," Lynn declared.

"Let's start saving now," he cried. "A five or seven member citizens' committee, composed of home-owners, a member of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Industrial Committee, and a business or professional man should look over our \$12,000,000 annual budget and operation," he urged.

"A \$100,000,000 business with a \$12,000,000 annual budget is big business," Lynn declared. "After no check for 13 years, there is bound to be some water in this budget," he said.

"At least, let it be scrutinized carefully and critically before even a limited override issue is presented," he urged.

At the end of the meeting, the School Board announced it will hold a special meeting tonight (Thursday) at 6 p.m. in the school administration offices to "consider proposals



BIRD'S EYE VIEW — The Torrance Airport, gateway to industrial growth here, is in line for a "front porch" of fine buildings facing Highway 101, should a master architectural plan come into effect. Jack Egan, airport director, says many firms want to build on the site. Arrow points to frontage.

Commissioners Study Master Plan Covering Highway 101 Frontage

A thoroughgoing look at the possibilities for a master plan covering the commercial area skirting the Torrance airport is slated tonight, Thursday, at the City Hall.

Meeting at a special session, members of the Torrance Airport Commission will examine frontage recommendations resulting from an appraisal of the area by Howard S. Martin.

Martin, Pasadena real estate broker, has done a number of surveys for the City of Torrance, as well as individual appraisals for other cities, banks, oil companies and real estate firms.

The commercial area is designated in the overall master plan for the airport, according to Jack Egan, Airport Superintendent, "however, little has been done on this aspect," he said.

An appraisal of the airport frontage was made three years ago, Egan declared. The recent report was submitted in June of this year, updating the entire picture.

The master plan for the airport merely shows a commercial strip, Egan told the Torrance Press. "It has no plan for the development of the strip in a consistent pattern."

Focus of the Airport Commission's thinking tonight will be to study a plan which can be established as city policy.

This will include eventual decisions on the depth of buildings erected, setbacks for these buildings, and area in the rear for service yards, parking plans, a service road to stretch from one end of the commercial area to the other,

illumination and a type of consistent signs.

"One possibility is to decide and establish an over all architectural plan for the strip," Egan suggested.

At present, the 500 feet frontage on the Pacific Coast Highway has Vegas Airways building on the east and the Halfway House restaurant on the west. "There is a ample room to build," Egan said.

"There have been many inquiries from potential builders," Egan declared. These include developers of commercial buildings to rent, restaurants, small stores, and medical centers. Motels have also queried the Airport Commission.

Given to the City of Torrance by the federal government as a grand-deed, in March, 1948, the airport property must be used by the City

City Lagging in New Parks Here Director Warns

The City of Torrance is lagging far behind in creating parks for the expanding population here, Harry Van Bellehem, City Recreation Director told a joint meeting of the Parks and Planning Commission last night.

The best authorities throughout the country recommend a minimum of one acre to every 100 people, Bellehem said. "We have more than 100,000 people in our city, and we only have 65 acres of parks," he declared.

Meeting at a joint session, the Parks and Recreation and the Planning Commissions studied three proposed park expansions here.

These include a possible park site north of Del Amo Blvd. and east of Redondo

Beach; the possibility of conserving Guenser Park, at 178 St. and Gramercy Place from getting sliced through by a proposed street; and a three-lot plot at 180 St. and Regina Ave.

The City of Torrance has the recreation rights on the Entradero Sump, near Hallison and Ronald Streets, Bellehem said, but it has been leased to the Little League.

"Eighteen boys playing in a little league can take up a lot of park room," Bellehem added, pointing out "it would certainly take a lot more park space to provide ball park space for every youngster."

"There is no place in Torrance where we can hold a big picnic for industry or church groups," Bellehem re-

U. S. Steel Launches New Tubing for Oil Industry

U.S. Steel Corporation's plant in Torrance, one of 10 plants in the Los Angeles area, joined in announcing a far-reaching innovation affecting the oil industry this week.

A new non-upset tubing joint has been developed by National Tube Division, which offers major advantages for the oil industry in its efforts to attain deeper well depths, Robert E. Williams, vice president-sales of the U.S. Steel division announced.

Here from Pittsburgh, Williams and Ralph W. Seely, vice president sales of U.S. Steel's Columbia-Geneva Division, San Francisco, which will be in charge of marketing the tubing joint in the West, led a 5-man panel of U.S. Steel sales and technical officials in introducing the new product.

Other panelists were William M. Frame, director-research and development; James H. Degnan, manager-oil country tubular products, and Andrew C. Temmel, manager-engineering sales service, all of National Tube, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Called a "bustress" thread,

Retail Sales Hit New High Here Survey Reveals

Torrance retail sales figures reached an all-time high for the first quarter of 1960, according to a survey by the Chamber of Commerce Statistical Department here.

President R. S. Pyle said the Torrance figure of \$25,679,000, which includes taxable transactions only is "a whopping \$7 million over corresponding figures in 1959 and \$11 million over the 1958 amount."

Pyle said in the 1959 first quarter returns, Torrance ranked thirty fifth statewide and sixteenth in the County.

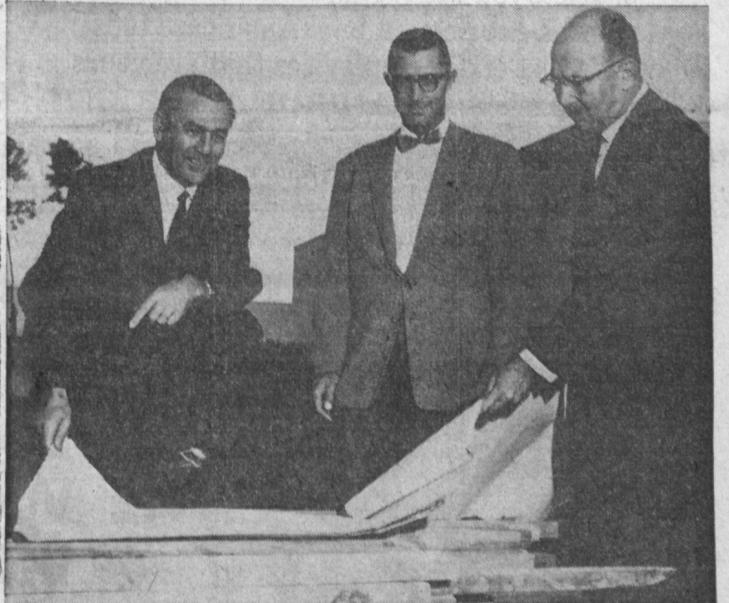
Of importance to taxpayers is the receipt of \$256,790 in sales tax to the City of Torrance. Pyle pointed out that municipalities receive one per cent of the 5 per cent state sales tax. The new figures indicate a rise of close to \$70,000 of increased revenue for the City of Torrance in the first 3 months of 1960.

Chamber Honors 4 New Industries at Breakfast Meet

Four new Torrance industrial firms will be honored at the monthly breakfast meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday, Oct. 25, Dick Pyle, president, announced today.

The firms include Chemicals Plastics Research, Detroit Silicone Rubber, LaFleur Oxygen, and Industrial Molding Corporation.

The breakfast, slated at the Masonic Lodge, 2326 Cabrillo Ave. is under the co-chairmanship of Don Hitchcock and Abe Robinson.



EXPANSION—Examining plans for the new addition to arise behind the Torrance City Hall, Fred Adams, architect, Wade Peebles, Director of Public Works, and Al Isen give final o.k. to the project. Ground was broken for the new public works building directly behind the City Hall this week. Structure will cost in neighborhood of \$225,000.

Our Government Has Been Lazy, Says Eleanor at Kennedy Rally

More than 500 "Women For Kennedy" heard Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, addressing an area-wide gathering here this week, underscore the necessity for "new and vigorous approaches to international problems."

Speaking before the throng at the Retail Clerks Union, Local 905, on behalf of Senator Kennedy's campaign, Mrs. Roosevelt declared "only a big man is willing to use men who are experts in their fields."

"There is no such thing as being an understudy for the presidency," she stated. The main thing is a great background, and the willingness to use the best people you can find to get all the information needed.

"It is easier not to take a stand than to take a stand," she declared. "President Eisenhower has avoided taking a stand on the desegregation issue, and moral leadership in the White House is absolutely essential," she stated.

Little Time

"There was a time when we could take our time and

move step by step to achieve our objectives. But, we were not in an overall struggle with the communist world then," she declared.

New Thinking

"When we travel about the world, we are confronted with questions as 'how do you treat your minorities?' and 'we hear you in the United States pay to keep down production of food, and that you have more food than your people can eat,'" she stated.

"These are embarrassing questions when one is in a country where people do go to bed hungry," the first lady of the world declared.

"The truth is we have been a lazy government. We have never put our best minds to solve these problems. With all respect to Lodge, he does not have the gift of making friends with the Africans and Asians. No one misses him at the U.N. We need to answer Khrushchev with force and inspiration. The same type of force that captured the world's attention in our revolution," she declared.

"We need completely fresh

thinking, and the willingness to face new problems in new ways," Mrs. Roosevelt emphasized. "This means new planning by labor and industry for the interest of all the people."

On the controversial Quemo and Matsu issue, Mrs. Roosevelt announced the islands are "as far away from the China mainland as Staten Island from New York, or closer than Catalina here."

"When the vice president says the people on these islands are not important, he is wrong. People matter everywhere. We have evacuated people before, and we can do it again," she stated.

Mrs. Roosevelt's speaking engagement, at a dessert coffee, was arranged by co-chairmen Mmes. Ralph Owens and Rosemary De Camp Shidler. Councilman Cecil King introduced Mrs. Roosevelt, reminding the audience that he came into office in the same year as FDR.

"When I was first elected, I was called 'too young,' King said. "Now I'm too old."

Lady Hunters, Fishers to Invade Man's Preserve

Man's last resort to get away from encroaching women in industry and recreation hit a snag this week. Now they have taken over the hunting and fishing routine.

The area's first and only women's hunting, fishing and conservation organization, the Harbor Ikettes, will be presented a national charter Monday evening, Nov. 3, at the Odd Fellows Hall, 10th and Gaffey Sts., San Pedro.

The charter presentation ceremony, beginning at 8 p.m., will be made by Warren Broad, of Anaheim, state president of the Izaak Walton League, assisted by Bob Stichter, president of the Harbor Area Izaak Walton League, sponsoring group.

Mrs. William L. Bradshaw, Torrance, president of the Ikettes, officers and 28 members will accept the new charter. Other officers include Mrs. Jim Hegarty, Torrance, vice president; and Mrs. Martin Slavich, San Pedro, secretary.

Entertainment featuring a new motion picture of the Feather River Country in Northern California produced



ELEANOR AND FRIENDS — Speaking in the area on behalf of Senator Kennedy's campaign for the presidency, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt is greeted by Women for Kennedy Co-chairmen here, Mmes. Ralph Owens (left) and Rosemary De Camp Shidler (right). The Democratic Party's number one elder states-lady spoke at the Retail Clerk's Union local here, as part of a swing throughout the country.

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